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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2474
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AMEMBASSY SEOUL
AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: BEXP, HK, KS, TW, US
SUBJECT: SEMINAR ON U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY REGULATIONS

REF: A) TAIPEI 5284, B) STATE 201265

BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED

1. BECAUSE CHINA EXTERNAL TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL IN TAIPEI UNWILLING TO HOLD SEMINAR WITH ONLY THOME REPRESENTING CPSC, PER REFTEL (A), FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES (FHKI) REGRETS IT MUST CANCEL SUBJECT SEMINAR. PROGRAM OF THREE SEMINARS (HONG KONG, TAIPEI, SEOUL) WAS PREDICATED UPON EQUAL COST SHARING BETWEEN THE THREE SPONSORS. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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2. I MUST EXPRESS MY DISMAY AND DISCOUAGEMENT AT THESE DEVELOPMENTS IN WHICH A USG ACTION AT VIRTUALLY THE LAST MINUTE
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RESULTED IN THE DISMANTLEMENT OF A WORTHWHILE PROJECT EXTENDING ACROSS THREE COUNTRIES UNDERTAKEN AT THEIR INITIATIVE AND WHICH HAD BEEN IN THE PIPELINE OVER A YEAR AND A HALF, HAVING FIRST RECEIVED ENCOURAGING ORAL AND THEN LATER WRITTEN COMMITMENTS OF SUPPORT BY THE USG. WHILE I CANNOT SPEAK FOR TAIPEI AND SEOUL, THIS REGRETTABLE OUTCOME HAS PLACED THIS CONSULATE GENERAL IN A

MOST EMBARRASSING POSITION WITH RESPECT TO HONG KONG'S
LEADING INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION AND WITH THE TRADE AND
INDUSTRY COMMUNITY HERE GENERALLY. IN SHORT, THIS IS
A DISPIRITING EXAMPLE OF HOW NOT TO GO ABOUT SUSTAINING
AN EFFECTIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR TRADING PARTNERS. END
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3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE NOTIFY CPSC OF THE CANCELLATION
OF SUBJECT SEMINAR. FHKI IS NOTIFYING AMERICAN INDUSTRY
PARTICIPANTS.
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